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THE FOUNDATION AND PROGRESS.

As our purpose of presenting this circular to the Rev. Clergy is to solicit their aid in encouraging vocations to our Institute, we deem it proper to lay before them a brief synopsis of its history and object.

The Founder, Theodore James Ryken, was born August 30, 1797, at Elshout, in the Catholic province of North Brabant, Holland. His parents having died while he was still young, his moral and educational training was committed to his saintly uncle, and into no better hands could it have fallen. Piety seems to have been hereditary in his family, as is evidenced by the number of his relatives who were distinguished for their virtue, charity and zeal in the cause of religion. During the early part of his life he was associated with the celebrated convert and writer, Le Sage Ten Broeck, in conducting an asylum for orphans and destitute boys. The sight of these poor children, together with the knowledge of the evil effects

produced by godless education, made such an impression on the mind of Mr. Ryken, that he determined to found a Congregation of men who would sacrifice their lives to the christian education of youth. Thinking that Europe had her just proportion of religious teaching orders, his eyes turned to the New World. Accordingly, in 1838, he visited St. Louis, and laid his plans before Bishop Rosati, then Bishop of that Diocese. The impression that Mr. Ryken made on that venerable prelate will be seen from the following letter which he gave to the founder:

JAMES ROSATI, *Congregationes Missionis Dei et Apostolicæ Sedis gratia, Episcopus S. Ludovici :*

Since the instruction of boys in literature and religion is much wanted in our diocese, a Religious Society or Community of Brothers, who would undertake this work and apply themselves to it with all their strength, would be very useful among us both for the glory of God and the salvation of souls: and, therefore, most acceptable to us and all good souls. Mr. Ryken has made known to us as well by letters from Belgium, as also in conversation, when a few days ago he visited us for that purpose, that he has for some time been seriously thinking of engaging in so laudable an undertaking. We, therefore, think his intention of collecting some pious youths in Belgium under certain rules, of proving them well, and rightly instructing them in religious discipline, afterwards to bind them by vows to this good work, and to come into America, with them to apply themselves to the instruction of youth in religion and literature, as worthy not only of the praises of the faithful who are desirous of the propagation and increase of religion, but also of their favor and co-operation. This desirable end he will no doubt accomplish, if the most excellent and Reverend Bishop of Bruges will deign for the future to favor his design with that pastoral and fatherly care, with which he has already so affectionately cherished it. As to us, if Providence deign to send us any brothers, we will affection-

ately embrace them, and most willingly commit to their care and instruction the youth of our Asylum to the number of 50, who will be obliged to learn some trade. The brothers will also deserve much of religion, if some among them well instructed in the method of teaching the deaf and dumb should devote their time to their education.

Given at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, in North America, this 17th day of February, 1838.

(SIGNED) † JOSEPH, *Bishop of St. Louis.*

The following is an exact translation of the Letter of Approval from the Bishop of Bruges:

FRANCOIS RENE BOUSSEN,
By the mercy of God, and the favor of the Apostolic See,
Bishop of Bruges, Belgium.

Mr. Theodore Ryken has laid before us a plan of an Institution, the object of which is the education of children. This plan has received our serious consideration for a long time, and we submitted the same for examination to a number of venerable ecclesiastics. The result of this examination, together with the written approbations of seven Right Rev. Bishops of the United States of America, and, above all, the warm interest expressed by one of those Right Rev. Prelates, who has personally conversed with us on the subject, have given us the entire conviction of this important we[illegible] will not only be of great benefit to the Mission of Am[illegible] also to our dear flock who have long since claimed th[illegible]ch institutions.

Therefore, having in view the spiritual progres[illegible] trusted to our care, and following the example [illegible] Right Rev. members of the Episcopate, who are de[illegible]terested in the foreign missions, we have approved of this institution and authorized Mr. Theodore Ryken to inaugurate, under our direction, in our episcopal city, a congregation of Brothers destined to co operate, according to their means to the accomplishment of this project.

In order to favor, as much as is in our power, this pious institution, we recommend it for the above named motives to the charitable souls with a firm confidence that their gifts will not only bear the desired fruits, but also that thereby they will draw upon themselves the tender dew of heavenly blessings.

Given at Bruges, the 1st of October, 1840.

† FRANCOIS, Bishop of Bruges, Belgium.

Mr. Ryken visited America twice before he began the foundation of his Congregation; on each occasion laying his plans before the few bishops then in this country. They approved them and encouraged him to put them into execution. On his return to Europe he immediately set about the arduous work of maturing his plans, by preparing the constitution and rules for his intended Congregation, in which he was materially assisted by the venerable and learned Jesuit Father Van Kerkhoven. The Rev. Jesuit Fathers were chosen the spiritual directors of the young Congregation, and always have manifested a deep interest in the advancement of the same.

His next move was to the seat of all spiritual power and authority—Rome. He was most graciously received by the Holy Father, Pope Gregory XVI., who gave him and his efforts his benediction, placing the young congregation under Mgr. Boussen, then Bishop of Bruges, as its protector. Under the paternal protection of this saintly bishop and his illustrious successors, the rising Congregation, after passing through various hard and bitter struggles, that emanated from sources whence they were least expected, has, at last, triumphed over the past difficulties and is now on the most firm footing with every fair prospect before it. He began the institution of the Congregation at Bruges, Bel-

gium, June 5, 1839, after which several young men came to join the Congregation, and on the 22d of October, 1846, he, with twelve young brothers, made their profession, taking himself the name of Bro. Francis Xavier, after the great apostle of the Indies, who was chosen patron of the Congregation. After making his profession Bro. Francis immediately opened, in Bruges, St. Xavier's Institute, an Institution for day scholars and boarders, which, at the present time is the most flourishing school in the city. Since then several more schools were established by the Brothers in Bruges as well as in others cities of Belgium.

In 1848 Bro. Francis set out for England, where he planted the first branch of the Congregation. That branch has been steadily growing, and they now conduct several flourishing educational establishments, in London, Manchester, Mayfield, Preston, Bolton, &c.

In 1854, the late lamented Archbishop Spalding (then bishop of Louisville) visited Europe to assist at the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. He passed through Bruges, and being a warm personal friend of Mgr. Malou, then Bishop of Bruges, he became acquainted with Bro. Francis, the founder. The result was that Bishop Spalding made arrangements with Bro. Francis to take a colony of the Brothers to America. In accor-

dance with the agreement, six brothers, accompanied by the founder, arrived in Louisville in the fall of the same year. Bishop Spalding procured for the Brothers a spacious and commodious dwelling in the centre of the city. In the same building they now conduct St. Xavier's Institute, one of the most prosperous academies in the State, of Kentucky.

After Bishop Spalding was appointed to the Archbishopric of Baltimore, he asked and obtained from he Superior-General (Bro. Vincent, successor to the Founder who still occupies the office,) some Brothers to take charge of St. Mary's Industrial School, which grand charity he had at that time in view. The brothers took charge, of it, and now after a period of nearly fifteen years the Institution with its 400 inmates stands as a shining monument to the large hearted and charitable prelate, who was its founder—Archbishop Martin John Spalding. After being in Baltimore a few years the Brothers accepted the invitation of the zealous pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Rev. J. T. Gaitley, to take charge of his school.

On November 26, 1871 the saintly founder died, deeply regretted by the Congregation. After twenty-seven years of unceasing labor for the establishment of his Congregation, he, at a ripe old age, went to his God to receive the reward he so justly merited.

At a general chapter of the Congregation, held at Bruges, Belgium, in August, 1875, it was decided to erect the brotherhood in this country into a province, having its seat of government in Maryland. During the same council Bro. Alexius, Director of St. Mary's Industrial School, was chosen to to be the Provincial.

The long cherished wish of having a Novitiate in the country wherein they could train young men as teachers, was at last brought to a happy realization in the purchase of ten-and-a-half acres of land with various buildings, about two miles from the City of Baltimore, and on the 30th of November, 1876, the Novitiate was opened with great ceremony—the Catholic Knights beneficial and temperance societies of Baltimore attending in a body. The Novitiate is located in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, with the most cordial approval of the late lamented Archbishop J. R. Bayley.

The Brothers now conduct Mt. St. Joseph's College, at Mt. St.Joseph, Carrollton, near Balmore, Md., St. Mary's Industrial School, situated about 1½ miles from the College St. James' Home for Boys, St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's parochial schools in Baltimore city, St. Xavier's Institute, and the majority of the parochial schools of Louisville, Ky., St. Colman's Home of Industry, Watervliet, Albany Co., New York, and St. Patrick's parochial school, West Troy,

N. Y. They are also under engagements to open schools in the city of Richmond Va., and other dioceses in September, 1881, with applications from nearly every State in the Union, which for the present cannot be filled for want of members.

CIRCULAR

OF THE

XAVERIAN BROTHERS' NOVITIATE,

CARROLLTON,

CARROLL P. O., NEAR BALTIMORE, MD.

The Xaverian Brothers very respectfully inform the Rev. Clergy that they have established a Novitiate at Mount St. Joseph, Carrollton near Baltimore, Md., and solicit their kind assistance, it being often in their power, by good advice, to encourage young men who may be anxious to lead a Religious life.

The end of the Congregation is the perfection of its own members, and the Christian education of youth.

The age for admitting members is from fifteen to thirty years.

The necessary qualifications are good health, sound constitution, piety, without singularity, and a willingness to be instructed so as to become useful members.

The time of Probation is Two Years; the whole or part whereof, is to be spent in the Novitiate.

After the expiration of the term of Noviceship they are allowed to take the vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, provided their behavior has given entire satisfaction.

During the time of Probation the Novices are obliged to observe all the rules and regulations of the Congregation, and to obey the orders of the Superior.

Applicants for admission into the Congregation would do well to send certificates of their baptism and health, and a letter of recommendation from their Father Confessor along with their application.

Minors applying for admission must send letters of approval from their parents or guardians.

The Brothers beg to inform the Rev. Clergy, that in consequence of the few vocations in this country, they respectfully appeal to them for their co-operation, more especially as they are unable to supply the one-hundreth part of the applications for teachers to conduct schools and reformatories.

For further, information, address:

BROTHER ALEXIUS, *Provincial*,
MT. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE,
MT. ST. JOSEPH,
CARROLL P. O., BALTIMORE CO., MD.

Or, BROTHER SUPERIOR,
ST. XAVIER'S INSTITUTE,
285 FOURTH AVENUE, LOUISVILLE KY.

Or, BROTHER SUPERIOR,
ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL,
BANK AND REGESTER STS.,
BALTIMORE, MD.

APPROBATIONS.

Cathedral, May 3, 1878.

The Xaverian Brothers devote themselves to the self-sacrificing duty of educating youth. And as they cannot hope to enlarge their sphere of usefulness or to supply their depleted ranks with competent teachers, unless they find young recruits who are willing to attach themselves to the Society, I earnestly commend the object of this circular to the clergy, and trust that the number of vocations to the Xaverian Brotherhood will increase with the growth of the faith in the country.

†JAMES, *Archbishop of Baltimore.*

We approve of the above circular and earnestly recommend it to the Clergy of the Diocese.

Given at Baltimore, 8th day of April, 1876.

†J. ROOSEVELT BAYLEY, *Archbishop of Baltimore.*

San Francisco, June 8, 1876

Bro. Alexius, Sup. of St. Mary's Industrial School:

DEAR BRO.—Your circular received. Relying on the sound judgment of the late lamented and venerable Archbishop Spalding, and having an abiding confidence in the great good which can and, I, doubt not, will be done by your community in the immense field which you have entered. I cheerfully approve of your circular and hope that great results will crown your efforts. May God fill your Novitiate with holy candidates

Yours truly, in Christ,

†J. S. ALEMANY, O. P., *Abp. of San Francisco.*

We cordially approve of the above circular.

†J. B. PURCELL, *Archbishop of Cincinnati.*

Approved, Feb. 3d, 1879

†JOHN J. WILLIAMS, *Abp. of Boston.*

HONORED BRO. ALEXIUS:

God bless your Congregation of Xaverian Brothers, and give it to increase and multiply in the land, and to be an ark of salvation for our interesting young folks —the boys!

†F. BLANCHET, *Archbishop of Oregon.*

Portland, Oregon, June 14, 1876.

St. Boniface, Manitoba, July 19, 1876.

MY DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

In answer to your letter of June 10th last, I take much pleasure to state that your Congregation deserves encourgement, and I earnestly desire to see it increase, more and more, for the benefit of religious education, arts and sciences, not only in the United States of America but also in other countries So I pray Almighty God to bless you and your whole religious family, and remain with much esteem, dear Bro. Alexius,

Your most devoted servant,

†ALEX., O. M. I., *Abp. of St. Boniface.*

We heartily approve of the above circular.

†J. M. HENNI, *Abp. of Milwaukee.*

St. Michael's Palace, Toronto, Sep. 11, 1876.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

We heartily approve of, and beg of God to bless your excellent work, to multiply your members, and sanctify them more and more for the salvation of souls.

†JOHN JOS. LYNCH, *Abp. of Toronto.*

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept, 19, 1876.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

I cordially approve of your circular and wish you every blessing in your good enterprise.

†J. B. LAMY, *Abp. of Santa Fe.*

Approved, 22d of February, 1881.

†E. A., *Archbishop of Quebec.*

DEAR BROTHER:

I cordially approve of your circular, and wish you every success.

†P. A. FEEHAN, *Bp. of Nashville*
(*Now Abp. of Chicago.*)

Feb. 12, 1879.

Natchez, Miss., Dec. 21, 1877

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

I unite in the approval of the above circular, and I recommend it to the favorable attention of the Priests of the Diocese who may have any opportunity of furthering its good purposes.

†WILLIAM HENRY ELDER, *Bp. of Natchez.*
(*Now Coadiutor Abp. of Cincinnati.*)

Approved, Feb. 3, 1879.

†M. A. CORRIGAN, *Bishop of Newark.*
(*Now Coadjutor Abp. of New York.*)

Portland, Oregon, March 1, 1881.

BRO. ALEXIUS, *St. Mary's Industrial School,*
Carroll P. O., Baltimore Co., Md.

DEAR BROTHER:

I have much pleasure in approving your circular, and I cannot but feel honored if you join my name to the many names of the illustrious Hierarchy of this country, with which your Congregation finds universal favor and approval.

Yours truly in J. C.,
†CHAS. J. SEGHERS, *Abp.-elect of Oregon City.*

We cordially approve of the above circular and recommend it to the Clergy of our Diocese.

†WILLIAM, *Bishop of Louisville.*

Buffalo, June 5, 1876.

DEAR BROTHER:

I approve of your circular and sincerely hope that you may succeed in increasing your members, extending your sphere of usefulness and firmly establishing your institute in the land. Religious vocations for such communities as yours should not be wanted where there is so much need of them.

Yours &c., very respectfully,
†S. V. RYAN, *Bishop of Buffalo.*

Covington, Ky , May 10, 1876.

MY DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

I received your letter yesterday, and after attentively perusing it, I will say that I cordially approve of the same, and recommend it to the earnest co-operation of the Clergy of my Diocese

Yours faithfully,

†A. M. TOEBBE, *Bishop of Covington.*

This circular has our approbation.

†TOBIAS, *Bishop of Erie.*

We heartily approve of the above circular.

†THOMAS, *Bishop of Hartford.*

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 20, 1876.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

I send to your community my best wishes, and can tell you that I will feel happy when some young men of my Diocese will go and join your Congregation that will do so much good in this country.

†C. M DUBUIS, *Bishop of Galveston.*

Rimouski, Sept. 18th, 1876.

I cordially approve of your circular, and wish all success to your Congregation.

†JOHN, *Bishop of St. G. of Rimouski,*

We cordially approve of the above circular.

†THOMAS, *Bishop Adm. of Chicago.*

MY DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

I very willingly approve of your circular. Your Congregation which has for its object the Christian education of youth, should receive every encourgement in those days, when so much is done to corrupt our youth and to give it an education from which Christianity is entirely excluded. That God, therefore, may bless and increase your pious Congregation, is the sincere prayer of

Yours truly, in Christ,

†WILLIAM, *Bishop of Savannah.*

Scranton, Pa , Sept. 14, 1876

DEAR BROTHER.

I cordially add my name to the list of prelates who have given their approbation to your circular, and recommend your praise worthy undertaking to the clergy of my Diocese

†WM. O'HARA, *Bishop of Scranton.*

Dubuque, June 5, 1876.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

I feel pleased in sending you my approbation of your circular Please accept my best wishes for the success of your undertaking.

I am, dear Bro., yours truly,

†J. HENNESSY, *Bp. of Dubuque.*

Los Angeles, Sept. 19, 1876.

DEAR BRO.

I received your circular lately sent to us. I heartily approve such plan, and pray God that he may bless the same and multiply the members of said order, so that you may, through his mercy and blessing, be able to send some even to the farthest West of our Republic—even to this western coast and golden region.

Yours truly,

†THADDEUS AMAT, C. M., *Bp. of Monterey and Los Angeles.*

†FRANCIS MORA, *Bishop Coadjutor.*

The above circular meets with my cordial approval

†J. J. KAIN, *Bishop of Wheeling.*

Marysville, Washington's Birth-Day, 1878.

VERY REV. BRO. ALEXIUS.

I am at a loss to know why you are not content with the approbation of your Novitiate, by so many distinguished dignitaries, both in Canada and the United States, without my humble name being attached to the "proud throng." But as you insist on my sanction of a noble undertaking, I give it freely. The only fault I find with the Novitiate and with yourself in connection with it is that you have refused to transfer a branch thereof to this diocese. My Vicar General, Very Rev P. Manogue, Rector Magnificus of "St. Mary's in the Mountains," Virginia City, repeatedly invited you, and you declined his invitation. May God forgive and convert you!

Yours in Christ,

†E O'CONNELL, *Bishop of Grass Valley*

St. John, N. B., Sept. 14, 1876.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS.

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. and the circular regarding your Institute. I cordially approve of it, and pray that God may bless your noble work and cause it to increase a hundred-fold.

†J. SWEENEY, *Bishop of St John.*

DEAR BRO. PROVINCIAL.

You may add my name to those of other prelates, who have given their approbation.

Respectfully yours,

†F. X. KRAUTBAUER,
Bp. of Green Bay.

March 13, 1879

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS.

I hope that he who began this good work will also bring it to perfection by sending you numbers of candidates for your holy Institute,

Yours very truly,

†LOUIS MARY, O. S. B.,
Bp. of Leavenworth.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept 20, 1876.

I wish your Congregation every success in your admirable work.

†J. F SHANAHAN,
Bp. of Harrisburg.

DEAR BRO ALEXIUS:

Your favor of the 29th ult, with enclosed circular has been received. I very cordially approve of your Institute, and pray God to bless your Society and those like it, as we very much need your valuable aid for the Catholic education of our boys

I am, very truly yours in Christ,

†FRANCIS SILAS,

Bp. of Vincennes.

Indianapolis, Feb. 1, 1879.

I willingly approve of the above circular.

†R. GILMOUR.

Bp. of Cleveland.

DEAR BROTHER:

To a work which has received so many commendations from the highest authorities, I, of course, could not refuse mine, I shall be happy to do anything in my power to further the interests of your Congregation.

Yours truly in Christ,

†JOHN J. KEANE,

Bp. of Richmond.

Feb. 3, 1879.

Little Rock, Ark, Sept. 20. 1876.

We hail with pleasure, and pray God's blessing upon every society that aims at the Christian education of youth.

†EDWARD FITZGERALD,

Bp. of Little Rock, Ark.

DEAR BRO ALEXIUS:

I cheerfully accede to your request, and add my name to the long list of Most Rev. and Rt. Rev. Prelates who have given your circular their approbation.

†P. F. O'REILLY,
Bp. of Springfield.

Feb. 3, 1879.

MY DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

I cordially approve of your circular and I pray that God may help you in your efforts to provide competent teachers for the youth of our country.

†JOHN MOORE,
Bp. of St. Augustine.

Feb. 24, 1879.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

Your circular will readily command general approbation. For my own part, I regard the vocation of yours and similar educational orders as a proof of that humble self-sacrificing religious spirit common enough in older and Catholic countries, but by no means so frequent in our own.

Yours truly in Christ,
†JAMES AUGUSTINE,
Bp. of Portland.

Portland, Feb. 3, 1879.

Approved, the 11th July, 1876.

†AUG M. A.,
Bp. of Nesqually.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 13 1876.

May God bless and multiply your promising community, devoted to the Christian education of youth. I will send you subjects if I can.

†JOHN JOSEPH,
Bp. of St. Joseph.

We cordially approve of the above circular.

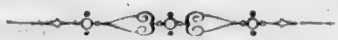
†C. H. BORGESS,
Bp. of Detroit.

Burlington, Vt., Sept. 14, 1876

DEAR BRO. :

You are at liberty to state that I can not but approve and bless your pious undertaking, which has the approval and sanction of the Most Rev. Archbishop of Baltimore.

†L. DE GOESBRIAND,
Bp. of Burlington.



Eveche de St. Hyacinthe, Sept. 14, 1876.

BIEN CHER FRERE :

J' approuve de tout coeur la circulaire que vous en avez transmise avec votre lettre du neuf courant, et je fais des voeux bien ardent pour que le ciel vous envoye de nombreux sujet, qui vous aident dans votre belle et Santifiante oeuvre.

Veuillez bien me croire, Cher Frere, votre tout devoue en N. S.

REV. FRERE ALEXIS,

†L. L., *Ev. de St. Hyacinthe.*

Sherbrooke, Sept. 13, 1876.

We heartily approve of the above circular.

†A., *Bishop of Sherbrooke.*

The object proposed in this circular has my approval.

†JOHN, *Bp. of Pittsburg.*

Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, Sept. 23, 1876.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

A congregation of men, whose object is to work out their own perfection, as well as to lay out the foundation of it on the tender heart of the youth, cannot fail to meet the approbation of all honest men. Hence I, *novissimus horum*, cordially approve of the circular, and, that God may bless here below the work of the Brothers and grant to them in heaven the reward He has promised to those *who shall do and teach*, shall ever be the humble prayer of

Yours truly,

†HENRY,

Bp. of Harbor Grace.

Ogdensburg, Sept. 12, 1876.

DEAR BRO.

Yesterday I received your circular setting forth the purpose of the Xaverian Brothers. I heartily approve of the same, and beg God to bless your efforts for the education of youths in America.

Sincerely, in Christ,

†EDGER, Bishop of Ogdensburg.

We approve of the above circular and the excellent object intended to be accomplished by the Xaverian Brothers.

†T. F. HENDRICKEN, Bishop of Providence

The object of your Congregation is so good that I cordially approve of your circular.

†M. DE PALAIS, Bishop of Vincennes.

DEAR BRO.

Not only do we approve of your circular, but also we recommend your Congregation which is calculated to do so much good in our country to the pious youths of America, but especially of our Diocese.

†M. DOMENEC, Bishop of Alleghany.

Mon Tres Reverend Frere,

Le grand Mal de Notre epoque est l'education irrelgieuse donnee a la jeunesse et a l'enfance meme; et le remede le plus efficace a ce mal est l'enseignement chretien donne par les Congregations religieuses sous l'inspiration et la direction de l'Eglise, C'est donc avec bonheur que j'approuve, apres tant d'autres Prelats votre institut et que je le recommande a tous Ceux qui dependent de ma jurisdiction. Que le Seigneur benisse vos efforts et qu' il fasse produire des fruits abondants aux semences precieuses que vous deposez dans les ames des enfants.

Donne aue Trois Revieres,

†L. F. *Ev, de Trois-Revieres,*

Le 27 Fev, 1881,

Hartford, Feb. 11, 1881.

REV. BRO. ALEXIUS:

In compliance with your request, I cheerfully approve your circular, and wish the fullest measure of success to the excellent object you have in view.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

†LAWRENCE S. MCMAHON, Bishop of Hartford.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1876.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

The most pressing want of the Church in America at the present time is that of Brothers to assist in teaching our boys. I pray God to bless your work, to multiply your number, and to endow you all with the true spirit of Christian teachers. I also pray that the number of communities of brothers devoted to teaching may be largely increased.

†BERNARD, Bishop of Rochester.

Bishop's House, Rosean, Dominica,
British W. Indies April 8, 1881.

MY DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

In reply to your favor to hand, I beg to say that I should consider myself wanted in my duty to the interests of Religion, education and the well-being of many souls were I to refuse. in my humble way, the approval of your Institute. Oh! that it were possible to have a branch of the same in these colonies.

May God bless your efforts and those of your Brethren.

Yours in Xt.,

†M. NAUGHTEN, Bishop of Rosean.

DEAR BROTHER:

Your circular has been received, and I most willingly approve of its object.

Very truly yours,

†THOMAS A. BECKER, Bishop of Wilmington

British Columbia, Victoria,
March 1, 1881.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

Having well known the beginning of the Xaverian Brotherhood, as also its Superior General and local, having also received from the Xaverian Brothers at Bruges my seven first years of education it gives me great pleasure to add my name to the long and illustrious list of Prelates of the American Church in approval of the circular concerning the Novitiate at Mt. St. Joseph.

Your devoted servant,

†JOHN B. BRONDEL, Bishop of V. I.

DEAR BROTHER:

I have known your Brotherhood and its good works for years, and thank you for giving me an opportinity of adding my name to those of so many other bishops, in commendation both of the Institute and its aims.

Yours truly,

†J. L. SPALDING, Bishop of Peoria.

Peoria, Feb. 11, 1881.

Antigonish, N. S., May 7, 1881.

MY DEAR BROTHER:

In reply to your letter of the 16th ult. I beg leave to say that the noble aim of those who generously devote themselves to the Christian education of youth being worthy of all praise. I cheerfully approve of your circular, and would recommend it to all lovers of the Divine teacher.

†JOHN CAMERON, Bishop of Arichat.

Bro. Alexius, Prov'l.

Albany, Feb. 11, 1881.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

I, very cheerfully, add my name to the long list of venerable Prelates who have written words of approval of your circular. It is my earnest prayer that your community may increase and multiply, that the members may even be animated with the true spirit of their vocation, and that God may ever bless its efforts in the most important work of the education of youth.

I remain, Very sincerely,
Your obedient servant,
†FRANCIS, Bishop of Albany.

Chicoutimi, 16 Mars, 1881.

FRERE ALEXIS, PREVOT, Carroll.

CHER FRERE:

J' approuve cordialement votre circulaire et souhaite a votre sainte enterprise tout a succis desire.

†DOM. Ev. de Chicoutimi.

Eveche d'Ottawa, Febuary 21, 1881.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

I have perused with pleasure your circular already approved by so many bishops. I earnestly wish that your Order will have the full co-operation of the Rev. Clergy in finding out young men who will enter your Novitiate and after serious preparation, will devote their entire life to the Catholic education of youth.

Yours in Christ,

† J. THOMAS, Bishop of Ottawa.

St. Paul, Feb. 14, 1881.

BRO. ALEXIUS, PROVINCIAL:

Xaverian Brothers, Carroll, Md.

DEAR BROTHER:

It is hardly necessary to say that I heartily approve of your circular. The greatest difficulty in the way of establishing parochial schools for our boys is to find suitable teachers to take charge of the schools. I hope and pray that the number of young brothers may be multiplied.

Faithfully in Christ,

† THOMAS J. GRACE, Bishop of St. Paul.

We approve of the above circular, and wish the Xaverian Brothers the most abundant success.

†DOMINIC, Vic. Ap. of Brownsville.

Tucson, Arizona, June 25, 1876.

DEAR BROTHER :

I am very thankful to you for the commnnication of the circular relative to the Novitiate commenced by the Xaverian Brothers, at Mt. St. Joseph, Md. I fully approve of this circular. May God bless the Brothers' work and enable them to extend their fields of labor as far as our remote country.

†J. B. SALPOINTE, Vic. Ap. of Arizona.

Yankton, D. Ty. March 22, 1881.

REV. DEAR BROTHER:

Your circular has been greatly delayed by our western snowstorms, but is very welcome indeed, and I would be very happy if I could send you at once a few young men to be educated for the great and holy work in which you are engaged. After all the white people were supplied with devoted and pious teachers, I would then dare to apply for the remnant to come out aud work among the Indians, who are going to temporal and eternal distruction, because their is nobody to look after them. We can hardly hope to send you young men from these western prairies, but we will pray that about one-third of the Catholic youths in eastern cities who are in vain looking for clerkships and easy genteel jobs may be endowed with the apostolic spirit, which will lead them into your Novitiate first and then bring them out West to seek not money but souls.

with, best wishes and sincerest regards, dear, Rev. Brother.

Your humble servant,

†J. M. MARTY, O. S. A. Vic. Ap. of Dakota.

26 North St., Kingston, Jamaica
March 14, 1881.

DEAR BROTHER IN XT.:

I received your note and the circular you kindly forwarded to me by the last mail.

It is ten years or more since I became acquainted with the Brothers of your Institute. The community I knew was settled in Manchester, England. During the three years I lived there I was delighted with their religious spirit and the devotedness with which they applied themselves to the training and instruction of youth. Confident that the same spirit animates the Xaverian Brothers in the U. S., I cordially approve of your circular and beg God to bless you with an increase of fervent novices.

Nearly all the Catholics in Jamaica are colored. Would there be any hope of such persons gaining admission into your order, if not, in America at least in Belgium? I am looking forward to the time when I shall be able to open an Industrial School for boys in Jamaica. It would lighten some of the difficulties if I could see a hope of forming a creole community. I shall be much obliged to you if you can furnish me with any information on the point.

With kind regards and earnest prayers to God for your success,

I remain, Dear Brother,
Your obedient servant in J. C.

†THOS. PORTER, Priest, S. J., Vic. Ap. of Jamaica.

We approve of the above circular.

† RUPERT SEIDENBUSH, O. S. B.,
Vic.Ap. of Northern Minnesota.

Bracebridge, Ontario, March 24, 1881.

DEAR BRO. ALEXIUS:

What we want most nowadays are good teachers who will impart a sound Catholic education to youths. Your Order has done already a world of good in this country as well as in Europe. I pray that God may prosper you, bless your efforts and send you a good number of young men to enable you to extend still more the sphere of your usefulness.

†JOHN FRANCIS JAMOT, Bishop of Serepta.
Vic. Ap. of Northern Canada.

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